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## **SENATOR GREGG COMMENTS ON ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSED CHANGES TO CLEAN AIR REGULATIONS**

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) today commented on changes he hopes will be part of the reauthorization of the Clean Air Act, which is slated to be taken up by Congress in the coming year.

Senator Gregg stated, "New England is the 'tailpipe' of the Midwest when it comes to air pollution and this is a problem our region has been dealing with for a long time. While each state in New England is doing a great deal to clean up its power plants, it is imperative that we get at the root of the problem and get the plants in the Midwest to clean up as well. New Hampshire has a superb clean air law; however, under the new regulations proposed by the Administration, New Hampshire's law could be undermined. This makes no sense. If states like New Hampshire are willing to go the extra mile by enacting strong state regulations, they should not be prevented from doing so.

"Any changes in regulations that give power plants more flexibility over how they handle emissions must contain the requirement that they reduce emissions overall. I strongly support this concept and it is central to a bill that Senator Lincoln Chafee (R-RI) and I are working on. The bill serves as both a 'carrot and stick' approach for the reduction of emissions from the four sources of pollution – sulphur, nitrogen, mercury, and carbon dioxide. I believe this bill, which I hope will also deal with MtBE, should garner strong bipartisan support, especially in the Northeast. While the Administration has gotten off on the wrong foot on this issue, I am hopeful that with work and strong support in Congress we can achieve significant results."

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